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# Senior Agee Angered

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The father of former CIA agent Philip Agee, angered over the Supreme Court's ruling Monday upholding the government's right to revoke his son's passport, rejected the ruling and said he continues to support his son strongly because "he has the guts to do what's right."

B.F. Agee, a 44-year resident of Tampa and retired from the dry cleaning business, blames the CIA for his controversial son's problems over the past seven years since publication of Philip Agee's expose on the agency's covert activities.

"He's been chased out of four countries, and who does it? The CIA," said the senior Agee. "I'm proud of my son. I consider him a man who says what he thinks and has the guts to do it."

Philip Agee, internationally known as a critic of the CIA, has been ousted from Great Britain, France and the Netherlands.

In its ruling, the high court called Agee a threat to "the security of the United States."

The court ruled 7-2 that neither federal law nor Philip Agee's constitutional free speech rights protect him from the revocation of his passport two years ago.

The decision reversed two lower court rulings for Philip Agee, who now lives in Hamburg, West Germany.

"I talked to him on the telephone yesterday (Sunday), and he expected this. The CIA doesn't quit when they want to go after somebody," said B.F. Agee.

Agee claimed his son's home telephone in Germany was tapped, saying that the day after the younger Agee had discussed in a phone conversation joining a committee to help free the former hostages in Iran, German officials appeared at his home to seize his passport.

"His phone is tapped in Germany. We know that," said B.F. Agee.

Philip Agee's life was disrupted following the release of the 1974 book, "Inside the Company: A CIA Diary," in which he identified other CIA agents and described many secret operations he said he was involved in.

Philip Agee was a member of the agency for 11 years, retiring in 1969.

The book was the first of what has become a series of accounts by ex-CIA agents of alleged illegal CIA activities.

The third book in that series was released early last year, and the Justice Department quickly moved to prevent publication and distribution of "Dirty Work II: The CIA in Africa." The second book was titled "Dirty Work: The CIA in Western Europe."

But despite what he calls efforts to block his son's work, B.F. Agee said his son would continue his so-called crusade "to tell the truth."

"He is going to do the work because he feels like he is doing a service to mankind," said B.F. Agee.

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